obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of $4.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

William D. Brighton,

Assistant Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree

Notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree between the State of California and the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (''USIBWC'') was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of California on July 12, 2002. The proposed Consent Decree concerns alleged violations of section 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1342, at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 2415 Dairy Mart Road, San Diego County, San Diego, California. The proposed Consent Decree would require the USIBWC to provide or contract for secondary treatment services for the Plant or to otherwise cease violations of certain effluent standards and limitations applicable to the Plant's discharges.

The United States Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to S. Randall Humm, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Environmental Defense Section, PO Box 23986, Washington, DC 20026–3986, with copies provided to Mario Lewis, International Boundary and Water Commission, Office of the Staff Counsel, 4171 No. Mesa Street; Suite C–310, El Paso, TX 79902; and Carol A. Squire, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, State of California, 110 West A Street, Suite 1100, PO Box 85266, San Diego, 92186–5266, and should reference *California* v. *Ramirez*, No. 01–CV–0270–BTM–JFS (S.D. Cal.); consolidated with *Surfrider Foundation* v. *Ramirez,* No. 99–CV–2441–BTM–JFS (S.D. Cal.).

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 4290 Edward J. Schwartz Federal Building, 880 Front Street, San Diego, California.

Stephen Samuels,

Assistant Chief, Environmental Defense Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

[SGA 02–06]

Women's Bureau; Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations Act (WANTO) of 1992 FY–2002 Budget, Training and Employment Services (TES) 1601 77174

AGENCY: Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and solicitation for grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the 2002 Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) authorized under the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Act of 1992. The purpose of this program is to assist employers and labor unions in the placement and retention of women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations. To that end, WANTO grant funds are disbursed to eligible community-based organizations, which, in turn, provide employers and labor unions with technical assistance geared towards the successful placement and retention of women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations.

DATES: One signed original, complete grant application plus two copies of the Technical Proposal and two copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted. (To aid with the review of applications, USDOL also encourages Applicants to submit three additional copies of the technical proposal [six in total]. Applicants who do not provide additional copies will not be penalized.) The original and copies must be submitted by 5 p.m. EST, September 3, 2002. Hand-delivered applications must be received by that time. An application received after September 3, 2002, will not be considered unless:

1. It was sent by registered or certified mail not later than August 26, 2002;
2. It is determined by the Government that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the Government after receipt at the U.S. Department of Labor at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**; or
3. It was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5 p.m. EST on August 29, 2002.

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late application sent by registered or certified mail is the U.S. Postal Service postmark on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. If the postmark is not legible, an application received after the specified time and date will be processed as if mailed late. ''Postmark'' means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (not a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been applied and affixed by an employee of the U.S. Postal Service on the date of mailing. Therefore, applicants shall request that the postal clerk place a legible hand cancellation bull's-eye postmark on both the receipt and the wrapper or envelope.

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late application sent by U.S. Postal Service Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee is the date entered by the post office receiving clerk on the ''Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee'' label and the postmark on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. ''Postmark'' has the same meaning as defined in the preceding paragraph. Therefore, applicants shall request that the postal clerk place a legible hand cancellation bull's-eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

The only acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the U.S. Department of Labor is the date/time stamp of the Office of Procurement Services on the application wrapper or other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by that office. Applications sent by other delivery services, such as Federal Express, UPS, etc., will also be accepted; however, the applicant bears the responsibility of timely submission.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be directed to the U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, Attention: Cassandra Willis, Reference SGA 02–06, Room N–5416, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All applicants are advised that U.S. mail delivery in the Washington, DC area has been erratic due to the recent concerns involving anthrax contamination. All applicants must take this into consideration when preparing to meet the application deadline. You assume the risk for ensuring a timely submission; that is, if, because of these mail problems, the Department does not receive an application or receives it too late to give it proper consideration, even if it was timely mailed, the Department is not required to consider the application. Therefore, it is recommended that you confirm receipt of your application by contacting Cassandra Willis, U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, telephone (202) 693–4570 (this is not a toll-free number), prior to the closing deadline. Application announcements or forms will not be mailed. The Federal Register may be obtained from your nearest government office or library. In addition, a copy of this notice and the application requirements may be downloaded from the Women's Bureau's Website at *http://www.dol.gov/wb*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice contains all of the information needed to apply for grant funding. Grant proposals that are not completed as directed will be judged non-responsive and will not be evaluated.

Part I. Background

A. Authority and Funding.

The Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations Act of 1992 (WANTO) (29 U.S.C. § 2501 *et seq.*) authorizes the Department of Labor (DOL) to disburse technical assistance grants. The WANTO grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 are funded by DOL FY 2002 Budget: Training and Employment Services (TES) 1610174. The Women's Bureau (WB) co-administers the WANTO program with the DOL Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services (ATELS). WB has responsibility for implementing the grant process.

B. Purpose

This grant program is designed to assist employers and labor unions (E/LU) in the placement and retention of women in specific sections of the workforce. It is envisioned that the program will promote increased participation by women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations (A/NTO). Therefore, WANTO grant funds are distributed to community-based organizations (CBO), which provide technical assistance to E/LU with the goal of placing and retaining women in these occupations. DOL has found that placement and retention of women in A/NTO pose significant challenges. Those challenges are especially acute in fields requiring high technology skills, such as those related to computer-based information technology, for example, telecommunications, utilities, manufacturing, transportation, and general services.

C. Grant Awards

The WB is soliciting proposals on a competitive basis for the WANTO program. WB anticipates that each grantee will receive between $50,000 and $100,000 in funds to conduct innovative projects that comply with the goals set forth in WANTO and in this SGA. The period of performance begins September 30, 2002, and ends on September 29, 2003. The initial performance period may be extended once, for up to three months, at no additional cost to DOL, so that a grantee can finish its final reports. Each application shall clearly state the applicant's intention to begin performance no later than October 1, 2002.

D. Definitions

The following terms are defined for the convenience of prospective applicants:

Nontraditional Occupations (NTO) are those where women account for less than 25 percent of all persons employed in a single occupational group.

Pre-Apprenticeship Programs are those programs that prepare individuals for occupational skills training or entry-level employment in NTO. The curriculum includes pre-vocational instruction in identification and use of tools, blueprint reading, basic shop skills, and safety procedures, as well as math skills and physical conditioning.

Apprenticeship is a formal employment relationship designed to promote skill training and learning on the job. "Hands on" learning takes place in conjunction with related theoretical instruction (often in a classroom setting). An apprentice who successfully completes an ATELS-registered program, which usually requires 3 to 5 years, is awarded a certificate of completion. Employers, or groups of employers, and unions design, organize, manage, and finance apprenticeship programs under the standards developed and registered with ATELS or ATELS-recognized State Apprenticeship Agencies. They also select apprentices who are trained to meet certain pre-determined occupational standards.

Community-Based Organizations (CBO) are private non-profit organizations, which may be faith-based, which are representative of communities or significant segments of communities and which have demonstrated experience administering programs that train women for A/NTO.

Part II. Eligible Applicants—Community-Based Organizations

DOL will award grants through a competitive process, which identifies the best Community-Based Organizations (CBO) applicants. Applicants shall provide evidence, where available, demonstrating their ability to connect women to apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations. Applicants shall also document any experience in enabling women and/or businesses to contact ATELS field offices for assistance and/or for information pertaining to apprenticeship training/placement. A CBO must not be classified under the IRS Tax Code as a 501(c)(4) entity nor be a public body such as a governmental body, public school, college, or hospital. All proposals must document that these eligibility requirements have been, and will continue to be, satisfied.

A consortium of CBOs may apply for a grant provided they include a copy of the consortium agreement and identify the entity/entities that will administer the grant.

Part III. Application Contents

Applications that fail to meet the application requirements or that are missing any of the required information will be deemed non-responsive and will not be evaluated.

A. Technical Proposal

To be considered for a WANTO grant, an application must include all of the information listed in this notice. The technical proposal text is limited to twenty (20) single-sided, double-spaced, 10 to 12 pitch, numbered "8½ x 11" typed pages (not including attachments). Applicants must submit one (1) original and five (5) copies of the technical proposal.

The Following Information is Required:

1. A Table of Contents, listing the application sections.

2. A 2-page abstract, summarizing the proposed project.

3. Documentation of eligibility, as described in Part II of this notice.

4. A Statement of Work, which clearly describes the proposed project and addresses the evaluation criteria in Part IV, Section A 3, of this notice.

5. Documentation of the established relationships with 10 or more employers or labor unions, as described in Part IV, Section A 2, of this notice.

6. Documentation of prior experiences providing technical assistance to employers and labor unions for the purposes of hiring, training and retaining women, as described in Part IV, Section A 1, of this notice.

7. The number of women expected to be placed in training programs, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships and non-traditional occupations, as stated in Part IV, Section A 3, of this notice.

8. A support services plan for women when the technical assistance results in women being placed in pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships and non-traditional occupations, as described in Part IV, Section A 3, of this notice.

9. A description of any leveraging or co-funding anticipated for the accomplishment of the proposed project.

10. A management plan and organizational chart, as described in Part IV, Section A 1, of this notice.

11. A list of all items for which grant funds will be expended. Do not include any cost information, only expenditure items.

12. Two copies of the CBO's budget and major funding sources for the past three (3) years, including foundation and government funds, as well as other types of funding.

B. Cost Proposal

The Cost Proposal is a physically separate document and must not be included within the twenty-page limit of the technical proposal. The Cost Proposal must include the following:

1. A Standard Form (SF) 424, ‘‘Application for Federal Assistance.’’ All copies of the SF 424 must have original signatures of the legal entity applying for grant funding. Applicants must indicate on the SF 424 the organizations IRS status. The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 17.700, which should be entered on the SF 424, block 10.

2. A certification prepared within the last six (6) months, attesting to the adequacy of the entity's fiscal management and accounting systems to account for and safeguard Federal funds properly. The certification should be obtained as follows:

a. For incorporated organizations, a certification from a Certified Public Accountant or

b. For other applicants, their employers' identification number (EIN) issued by the IRS;

3. Budget Information Form 424A, with a narrative of description of each line item.

4. A copy of the most current Indirect Cost Rate Agreement issued by the cognizant federal agency, if applicable.

5. Applications from a consortium of organizations also must include a copy of the consortium agreement and must identify the consortium that will act as the administrative entity for the project. No member of a consortium shall make a separate application under his grant program. In addition, the agreement must specify the consortium's arrangements for handling the administrative and financial responsibilities for the program.

6. The applicants must include the Assurances and Certifications Signature Page. Potential applicants who do not have the current version of the standard grant forms listed can download them from the following OMB Website address: *http://www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/grants/forms.html*.

Part IV. Evaluation Criteria and Selection Process

Technical proposals will be carefully reviewed by a panel using the following criteria. Up to 115 points may be awarded to an application based on the 100 points for the required information and up to 15 extra points for special program emphasis. Applications that are missing any of the required information will be deemed non-responsive and will not be evaluated. The ranked scores of the proposals will serve as the primary basis for selection of applications for a potential award. Prior performance of previous WANTO grantees will be considered in the final selection of grant awards.

A. Technical Evaluation Criteria/ Points

1. Organizational Overview

Applicants must demonstrate their experience, capability and qualifications for administrating a grant project to provide technical assistance to employers and labor unions. Information submitted should highlight the qualifications of the key staff and the organizational structure that would ensure the success of the project. Applicants should indicate if trades women or women in non-traditional occupations serve as active members of the organization, as either employed staff or as board members. Documentation must include the CBO's organizational chart, the names and full resumes of all primary staff managing the grant project and, where applicable, a narrative differentiating among the CBO, any proposed consultants or sub-contractor's. Job descriptions must identify all key tasks, the hours required for the completion of such tasks, the person's responsible for completing each task, including sub-contractors and consultants. The proposal must include documentation of the organization's experience in recruiting, training or placing women in apprenticeships or non-traditional occupations. Applications must furnish a description of the organization's leadership in providing assistance to employers and labor unions for the purpose of recruiting, training and placement of women and must document any experience serving as a mentor to other community based organizations that provide similar technical assistance. Similar information must be provided for any partners or contractors associated with this grant. (Up to 10 points awarded)

2. Established Employer and Labor Union Linkages

Applications must include documentation of commitments (in the form of agreements or letters) from 10 or more employers and labor unions to receive technical assistance and to place women in apprenticeship or non-traditional occupations. Applications must include the names of those employers and labor unions, as well as letters or agreements indicating their commitment to receive technical assistance for the purpose of hiring and retaining women. Such documentation may be in the form of agreements, support letters or other correspondence showing the request and acceptance of assistance. Applications must show evidence of the employer's and labor union's experiences in recruiting, training or placing women in apprenticeships or non-traditional occupations. Such documentation can include descriptions of previous outreach and orientation provided to women, mentoring programs, support groups, networks, workplace consultation, employee and supervisory workshops, and other workplace-specific strategic planning to increase the participation of women in apprenticeship and non-traditional occupations. Applicants must describe how their grant program will build upon existing and new working relationships with employers and labor unions to increase the number of women placed in apprenticeships and non-traditional jobs. Proposals must indicate the activities and types of assistance that will be provided to meet the goal of increasing the number of women hired and retained. (Up to 20 points awarded)

3. Scope of WANTO Project and Projected Outputs and Outcomes

Applicants must document all forms of technical assistance to be provided to employers and labor unions, including their strategies for upgrading the skills of women in non-traditional occupations and for promoting changes in the workplace culture and in work practices that lead to increased numbers of women in apprenticeships and non-traditional occupations. Such documentation should include the applicant's support services plan; the numbers of women to be placed and retained in pre-apprenticeship training, other training programs, apprenticeship positions and non-traditional jobs and other long-term project outcomes. Support services plans should include collaborative employer and labor union programs available at the worksite, as well as community-based services. Applicants must describe how they will use grant funds to provide technical assistance to employers and labor unions for the purpose of recruiting, training and hiring women in apprenticeship and non-traditional occupations. Grant funds may be used to provide a broad range of technical assistance to employers and labor unions to include: developing or executing workplace assessments, building strategic plans for changes in work practices and establishing linkages to pre-apprenticeship programs for employers or union that pledge employment or apprenticeships for women. Show how grant funds are to be used to support linkages with employers and labor unions and to encourage those entities to be engaged in the processes of recruitment, training and hiring of women. Also provide a description of any activities that would encourage and promote the continuation or expansion of grant activities beyond the grant period. (Up to 70 points awarded)

4. Bonus Points

Bonus points will be awarded, as follows, for projects that demonstrate their experience or indicate their plans to:

a. Provide opportunities for women to be placed and retained into apprenticeships and non-traditional occupations in high technology. (Up to 5 points)

b. Provide services for disabled women to be placed into apprenticeships and non-traditional occupations. (Up to 5 points)

c. Provide mentoring services for at least one other CBO that is providing technical assistance to employers and/or labor unions. (Up to 5 points)

B. Cost Evaluation Criteria

Evaluated proposals will be ranked, based on their costs, in relation to other proposals submitted in response to this SGA.

C. Total Score

The review panel's recommendations are advisory in nature and not binding on the Grant Officer. Final awards will be made based on the best interest of the Government, including, but not limited to, such factors as technical quality, geographic balance, occupational and/or industrial impact and past grant performance. The submission of a previous proposal for a WANTO grant from any prior year does not guarantee an award under this solicitation.

Although the Government reserves the right to award on the basis of the applicant's initial submissions, the Government may establish a competitive range or technically acceptable range based upon proposal evaluation for the purpose of selecting qualified applicants. The Government reserves the right to ask for clarification or hold discussion, but is not obligated to do so. The Grant Officer's determination for award under this SGA is the final agency action.

Part V. Deliverables

This section is provided so that applicants may more accurately estimate the staffing budgetary requirements when preparing their proposal. Applicants are to exclude from their cost proposal the cost of any requested travel to Washington, DC.

A. Post Grant Award Conference

No later than eight (8) weeks after an award, the grantees and partners shall meet with the WB and the ATELS at the Post-Award Conference to discuss the project, related components and TA; time-lines; technical assistance outcomes; assessment for comment; and final approval. The grantees and partners and the Department will discuss and make decisions on the following program activities:

1. The proposed TA commitments for employment, registered apprenticeship, and related skilled nontraditional occupation activities and responsibilities; the number of targeted partnerships with employers and labor unions; and the number of women who will be served.

2. The methodology the proposed partnership will use to support/change management and employee attitudes to promote female workers in A/NTO.

3. The types of systemic change anticipated by the TA strategies that will be incorporated into ongoing employer recruitment, hiring, training, and promotion of women in A/NTO.

4. The occupational, industrial, and geographical impact anticipated.

5. The supportive services to be provided to employers and women after successful placement into A/NTO.

The WB and ATELS will provide further input orally or in writing, if necessary, within ten (10) working days after the Post-Award Conference.

B. Grant Plan of Action

No later than ten (10) weeks after an award, the grantees and the WB will confirm the ''plan of action'' and detailed time-line for program implementation.

C. Grant Implementation

No later than twelve (12) weeks after an award, the grantee(s) shall have begun providing E/LU with TA to recruit, select, train, place, retain, and otherwise prepare women for A/NTO, with progress to be measured in terms of employment growth and rising earnings.

D. Quarterly Reports

1. No later than sixteen (16) weeks after an award, the first quarterly progress report of work done under this grant must be submitted. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due twenty (20) working days after the end of each of the remaining quarters.

2. Quarterly progress reports must describe:

a. The overall progress achieved during the reporting period, as measured by the number of E/LU provided with TA, as well as by the number of women trained (on and off the workplace) and placed in A/NTO;

b. An explanation of any quarterly goals that were not met, including steps to be taken in the next quarter to complete the tasks;

c. Any placements in pre-apprenticeship programs or linkages with sponsored apprenticeship programs, giving the name and address of each workplace/company involved, the person(s) responsible for the programs, as well as the number of women affected by or participating in the programs;

c. The number of E/LU receiving TA, giving the E/LU name, address, number of employees at the workplace (including the percentage of women employees), as well as the nature of TA provided;

d. Any problems that may impede the performance of the grant and the proposed corrective action.

e. Any changes in the proposed work to be performed during the next reporting period.

3. In addition, between scheduled reporting dates, the grantee(s) shall immediately inform the Washington Office Grant Officer's Technical Representative of significant developments affecting the ability to accomplish the work.

E. Final Report

1. No later than sixty (60) weeks after an award, the grantee(s) shall submit two (2) copies of the draft Final Report, an integrated draft analysis of the process, and results of the technical assistance activities during the year. The WB and the ATELS will provide written comments on the draft Report within twenty (20) working days, if substantive problems are identified. The grantee's response to these comments shall be incorporated into the Final Report.

2. The Final Report shall cover findings, final performance data, outcome results, an assessment of the grant project and any employer or labor organization plans for follow-up of participants.

3. No later than sixty-four (64) weeks after an award, the grantee(s) shall submit:

a. Two (2) copies of the camera-ready Final Report, bound in a professional manner, and not a collection of loose leaf sheets, and

b. An Executive Summary of the findings and recommendations must be included in the Final Report, separately or combined with the Final Report. These materials must be paid for with grant funds.

Part VII. Grant Requirements

A. Administrative Standards and Provisions

Except as specifically provided, DOL acceptance of a proposal and an award of federal funds to sponsor any program(s) does not provide a waiver of any grant requirements and/or procedures. For example, the OMB circulars require and an entity's procurement procedures must require that all procurement transactions will be conducted, as practical, to provide open and free competition. If a proposal identifies a specific entity to provide the services, the DOL award does not provide the justification or basis to sole-source the procurement, i.e., avoid competition.

The grant awarded under this SGA shall be subject to the following administrative standards and provisions:

29 CFR Part 97—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

29 CFR Part 96—Federal Standards for Audit of Federally Funded Grants, Contracts, and Agreements.

29 CFR Part 95—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, etc.

B. Allowable Costs

The WB shall determine what constitutes allowable costs in accordance with the following applicable Federal cost principles:

a. State and Local Government—OMB Circular A–87

b. Educational Institutions—OMB Circular A–21

c. Nonprofit Organizations—OMB Circular A–122

d. Profit-making Commercial Firms—48 CFR Part 31

Part VIII. Paperwork Reduction Act Notice (Pub. L. 104–13)

This collection of information is approved under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1225–0080, which expires 10/31/02. Persons are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average six (6) to twelve (12) hours to complete the grant application; two (2) to five (5) hours for quarterly reports; and four (4) to ten (10) hours for the final report. These estimates include the time for reviewing instructions, researching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20210, to the attention of Diane Faulkner. Please reference OMB control number 1225–0080.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 24th day of July, 2002.

Lawrence J. Kuss,

Grant Officer.

Appendix

1. Standard Form 424: Application for Federal Assistance
2. Standard Form 424A: Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs
3. Standard Form 424B: Assurances—Non-Construction Programs

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APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

OMB Approval No. 0348-0043

2. DATE SUBMITTED	Applicant Identifier
3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier
4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION:

Application	Preapplication
☐ **Construction**	☐ **Construction**
☐ **Non-Construction**	☐ **Non-Construction**

5. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Name:	Organizational Unit:
Address *(give city, county, State, and zip code):*	Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application *(give area code)*

6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER *(EIN):*

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7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: *(enter appropriate letter in box)* ☐

A. State	H. Independent School Dist.
B. County	I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning
C. Municipal	J. Private University
D. Township	K. Indian Tribe
E. Interstate	L. Individual
F. Intermunicipal	M. Profit Organization
G. Special District	N. Other (Specify) ____________________

8. TYPE OF APPLICATION:

☐ **New** ☐ **Continuation** ☐ **Revision**

If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) ☐ ☐

A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration
D. Decrease Duration Other*(specify):*

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9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY:

10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: ☐☐-☐☐☐

TITLE:

11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:

12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT *(Cities, Counties, States, etc.):*

13. PROPOSED PROJECT		**14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:**	
Start Date	Ending Date	a. Applicant	b. Project

15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:

a. Federal	$ .00
b. Applicant	$ .00
c. State	$ .00
d. Local	$ .00
e. Other	$ .00
f. Program Income	$ .00
g. TOTAL	$ .00

16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?

a. YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON:

DATE ____________________

b. No. ☐ PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372
☐ OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW

17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?

☐ **Yes** **If "Yes," attach an explanation.** ☐ **No**

18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.

a. Type Name of Authorized Representative	b. Title	c. Telephone Number
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed

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Standard Form 424 (Rev. 7-97)
Prescribed by OMB Circular A-102

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0043), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

This is a standard form used by applicants as a required facesheet for preapplications and applications submitted for Federal assistance. It will be used by Federal agencies to obtain applicant certification that States which have established a review and comment procedure in response to Executive Order 12372 and have selected the program to be included in their process, have been given an opportunity to review the applicant's submission.

Item:	Entry:
1.	Self-explanatory.
2.	Date application submitted to Federal agency (or State if applicable) and applicant's control number (if applicable).
3.	State use only (if applicable).
4.	If this application is to continue or revise an existing award, enter present Federal identifier number. If for a new project, leave blank.
5.	Legal name of applicant, name of primary organizational unit which will undertake the assistance activity, complete address of the applicant, and name and telephone number of the person to contact on matters related to this application.
6.	Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.
7.	Enter the appropriate letter in the space provided.
8.	Check appropriate box and enter appropriate letter(s) in the space(s) provided: -- "New" means a new assistance award. -- "Continuation" means an extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date. -- "Revision" means any change in the Federal Government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation.
9.	Name of Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.
10.	Use the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested.
11.	Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to provide a summary description of this project.

Item:	Entry:
12.	List only the largest political entities affected (e.g., State, counties, cities).
13.	Self-explanatory.
14.	List the applicant's Congressional District and any District(s) affected by the program or project.
15.	Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate *only* the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 15.
16.	Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process.
17.	This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.
18.	To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)

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BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1.		$	$	$	$	$
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. Totals		$	$	$	$	$

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
a. Personnel	$	$	$	$	$
b. Fringe Benefits					
c. Travel					
d. Equipment					
e. Supplies					
f. Contractual					
g. Construction					
h. Other					
i. Total Direct Charges *(sum of 6a-6h)*					
j. Indirect Charges					
k. TOTALS *(sum of 6i and 6j)*	$	$	$	$	$
7. Program Income	$	$	$	$	$

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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES

(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS
8.	$	$	$	$
9.				
10.				
11.				
12. TOTAL *(sum of lines 8-11)*	$	$	$	$

SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS

	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	$	$	$	$	$
14. Non-Federal					
15. TOTAL *(sum of lines 13 and 14)*	$	$	$	$	$

SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT

(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)			
	(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16.	$	$	$	$
17.				
18.				
19.				
20. TOTAL *(sum of lines 16-19)*	$	$	$	$

SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION

21. Direct Charges:	22. Indirect Charges:
23. Remarks:	

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General Instructions

This form is designed so that application can be made for funds from one or more grant programs. In preparing the budget, adhere to any existing Federal grantor agency guidelines which prescribe how and whether budgeted amounts should be separately shown for different functions or activities within the program. For some programs, grantor agencies may require budgets to be separately shown by function or activity. For other programs, grantor agencies may require a breakdown by function or activity. Sections A, B, C, and D should include budget estimates for the whole project except when applying for assistance which requires Federal authorization in annual or other funding period increments. In the latter case, Sections A, B, C, and D should provide the budget for the first budget period (usually a year) and Section E should present the need for Federal assistance in the subsequent budget periods. All applications should contain a breakdown by the object class categories shown in Lines a-k of Section B.

Section A. Budget Summary Lines 1-4 Columns (a) and (b)

For applications pertaining to a *single* Federal grant program (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog number) and *not requiring* a functional or activity breakdown, enter on Line 1 under Column (a) the Catalog program title and the Catalog number in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to a *single* program *requiring* budget amounts by multiple functions or activities, enter the name of each activity or function on each line in Column (a), and enter the Catalog number in Column (b). For applications pertaining to multiple programs where none of the programs require a breakdown by function or activity, enter the Catalog program title on each line in *Column* (a) and the respective Catalog number on each line in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to *multiple* programs where one or more programs *require* a breakdown by function or activity, prepare a separate sheet for each program requiring the breakdown. Additional sheets should be used when one form does not provide adequate space for all breakdown of data required. However, when more than one sheet is used, the first page should provide the summary totals by programs.

Lines 1-4, Columns (c) through (g)

For new applications, leave Column (c) and (d) blank. For each line entry in Columns (a) and (b), enter in Columns (e), (f), and (g) the appropriate amounts of funds needed to support the project for the first funding period (usually a year).

For continuing grant program applications, submit these forms before the end of each funding period as required by the grantor agency. Enter in Columns (c) and (d) the estimated amounts of funds which will remain unobligated at the end of the grant funding period only if the Federal grantor agency instructions provide for this. Otherwise, leave these columns blank. Enter in columns (e) and (f) the amounts of funds needed for the upcoming period. The amount(s) in Column (g) should be the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

For supplemental grants and changes to existing grants, do not use Columns (c) and (d). Enter in Column (e) the amount of the increase or decrease of Federal funds and enter in Column (f) the amount of the increase or decrease of non-Federal funds. In Column (g) enter the new total budgeted amount (Federal and non-Federal) which includes the total previous authorized budgeted amounts plus or minus, as appropriate, the amounts shown in Columns (e) and (f). The amount(s) in Column (g) should not equal the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

Line 5 - Show the totals for all columns used.

Section B Budget Categories

In the column headings (1) through (4), enter the titles of the same programs, functions, and activities shown on Lines 1-4, Column (a), Section A. When additional sheets are prepared for Section A, provide similar column headings on each sheet. For each program, function or activity, fill in the total requirements for funds (both Federal and non-Federal) by object class categories.

Line 6a-i - Show the totals of Lines 6a to 6h in each column.

Line 6j - Show the amount of indirect cost.

Line 6k - Enter the total of amounts on Lines 6i and 6j. For all applications for new grants and continuation grants the total amount in column (5), Line 6k, should be the same as the total amount shown in Section A, Column (g), Line 5. For supplemental grants and changes to grants, the total amount of the increase or decrease as shown in Columns (1)-(4), Line 6k should be the same as the sum of the amounts in Section A, Columns (e) and (f) on Line 5.

Line 7 - Enter the estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project. Do not add or subtract this amount from the total project amount, Show under the program

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narrative statement the nature and source of income. The estimated amount of program income may be considered by the Federal grantor agency in determining the total amount of the grant.

Section C. Non-Federal Resources

Lines 8-11 Enter amounts of non-Federal resources that will be used on the grant. If in-kind contributions are included, provide a brief explanation on a separate sheet.

Column (a) - Enter the program titles identical to Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary.

Column (b) - Enter the contribution to be made by the applicant.

Column (c) - Enter the amount of the State's cash and in-kind contribution if the applicant is not a State or State agency. Applicants which are a State or State agencies should leave this column blank.

Column (d) - Enter the amount of cash and in-kind contributions to be made from all other sources.

Column (e) - Enter totals of Columns (b), (c), and (d).

Line 12 - Enter the total for each of Columns (b)-(e). The amount in Column (e) should be equal to the amount on Line 5, Column (f), Section A.

Section D. Forecasted Cash Needs

Line 13 - Enter the amount of cash needed by quarter from the grantor agency during the first year.

Line 14 - Enter the amount of cash from all other sources needed by quarter during the first year.

Line 15 - Enter the totals of amounts on Lines 13 and 14.

Section E. Budget Estimates of Federal Funds Needed for Balance of the Project

Lines 16-19 - Enter in Column (a) the same grant program titles shown in Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary. For new applications and continuation grant applications, enter in the proper columns amounts of Federal funds which will be needed to complete the program or project over the succeeding funding periods (usually in years). This section need not be completed for revisions (amendments, changes, or supplements) to funds for the current year of existing grants.

If more than four lines are needed to list the program titles, submit additional schedules as necessary.

Line 20 - Enter the total for each of the Columns (b)-(e). When additional schedules are prepared for this Section, annotate accordingly and show the overall totals on this line.

Section F. Other Budget Information

Line 21 - Use this space to explain amounts for individual direct object class cost categories that may appear to be out of the ordinary or to explain the details as required by the Federal grantor agency.

Line 22 - Enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period, the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.

Line 23 - Provide any other explanations or comments deemed necessary.

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.

2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.

3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.

5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).

6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.

10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is $10,000 or more.

11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).

14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.

15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.

16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.

17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of existing safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. True Line, Inc.

[Docket No. M–2002–051–C]

True Line, Inc., P.O. Box 85, Thorpe, West Virginia 24888 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2) (weekly examination) to its Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 46–08048) located in McDowell County, West Virginia. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit travel to examine its No. 1 entry of the return air course, except for 180 feet, due to deteriorating roof conditions. The petitioner asserts that traveling the affected area would be unsafe. The petitioner states that the affected area would be dangered off and breaker posts would be set to prohibit travel, a monitoring point would be established at the inby and outby end of the untraveled area and a date board installed, and air quality and quantity would be examined at each monitoring point on a weekly basis and the results recorded in the appropriate book. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

2. Titan Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M–2002–052–C]

Titan Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 276, Eskdale, West Virginia 25075–0276 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1103 (Automatic fire warning devices) to its Laurel Fork Deep Mine (I.D. No. 46–08836) located in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit a carbon monoxide detection system to be installed in belt entries to identify a sensor location in lieu of identifying each belt flight. The petitioner proposes to install a carbon monoxide monitoring system as an early warning fire detection system in all belt entries. The petitioner has outlined specific procedures in this petition that would be used when implementing this proposed alternative method. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

3. Perry County Coal Corp.

[Docket No. M–2002–053–C]

Perry County Coal Corp., 1845 S. KY Hwy 15, Hazard, Kentucky 41701 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2) (weekly examination) to its HZ4–1 Mine (I.D. No. 15–02085) located in Perry County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to relocate approved checks points 9A and 9B in the intake of the Southeast Mains one break outby the No. 9 entry of the Roll Mains, and establish one new check point (examination point) 10A in the return of the Southeast Mains in the No. 1 Entry located at the 44 Seals, six breaks inby the No. 1 Head Drive. The petitioner states that air measurement stations will be established at locations that would allow effective evaluation of ventilation in the affected areas and that these stations would be checked on a weekly basis by a certified person. The petitioner states that roof and rib conditions in the affected areas of the mine have deteriorated and expose mine personnel to hazardous conditions. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

4. Titan Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M–2002–054–C]

Titan Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 276, Eskdale, West Virginia 25075–0276 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (Permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (Plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its Laurel Fork Deep Mine (I.D. No. 46–08836) located in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use a threaded ring and a spring-loaded device instead of a padlock on battery plug connectors to prevent the plug connector from accidently disengaging while under load. The petitioner states that a warning tag that states ‘‘Do Not Disengage Under Load’’, will be installed on all battery plug connectors and that instructions on the safe practices and provisions will be provided to all persons who operate or maintain the battery-powered machines. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

5. Lone Mountain Processing, Inc.

[Docket No. M–2002–055–C]

Lone Mountain Processing, Inc., Drawer C, St. Charles, Virginia 24282 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.701 (Grounding metallic frames, casings, and other enclosures of electric equipment) to its Darby Fork Mine (I.D. No. 15–02263) and Huff Creek Mine (I.D. No. 15–17234) located in Harlan County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a 480-volt, three-phase, 300KW/375KVA diesel powered generator (DPG) set to supply power to a three-phase wye connected 300 KVA autotransformer and three-phase 480-volt and 995-volt power circuits. The petitioner states that the diesel powered generator with an approved diesel drive engine would only be used to move equipment in, out, and around the mine and to perform miner activities in the mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

6. Highland Mining Company

[Docket No. M–2002–056–C]

Highland Mining Company, P.O. Box 569, Morganfield, Kentucky 42437 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (Air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Highland 9 Mine (I.D. No. 15–02709) located in Union County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit the use of air from the belt haulage entries to ventilate active working places. The petitioner proposes to install a carbon monoxide monitoring system as an early warning fire detection system in all belt entries used to course intake air to a working place. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

7. Highland Mining Company

[Docket No. M–2002–057–C]

Highland Mining Company, P.O. Box 569, Morganfield, Kentucky has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (Air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Highland 11 Mine (I.D. No. 15–18480) located in Union County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit the use of air from the belt haulage entries to ventilate active working places. The petitioner proposes to install a carbon monoxide monitoring system as an early warning fire detection system in all belt entries used to course intake air to a working place. The petitioner asserts that the proposed